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Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—“ Will the hon. the Home Member kindly enquire whether there has been any murderous assaults on the Adi-Dravidas of some of the villages in Ramnad ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ Yes, I shall enquire.”

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—“ What action will the Government take in the matter ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ I should first enquire before considering the question of taking any action.”

Rao Sahib V. I. MUNISWAMI PILLAI :—“ Are the Government aware that the depressed class members both here and outside feel very deeply in the matter ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ It may be so, but we must get at the facts before deciding upon action.”

Mr. A. B. SHETTY :—“ Do Government propose to appoint any committee as asked for in the resolution of my hon. Friend, Mr. Soundarapandian ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—
“ That question has been answered in another connexion.”

Diwan Bahadur R. N. AROGYASWAMI MUDALIYAR :—“ Seeing that the notice of this question was given early, why have not the Government already called for the information ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ We have called for it and we have given the gist of it.”

Mr. T. C. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR :—“ I merely rise to ask whether steps are not being taken by the police in connexion with cases where the Adi-Dravidas have made complaints and whether such cases are not pending before the Court of the Subdivisional Magistrate ? ”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur :—“ I do not know. I know that there is a lot of factious feeling there.”

Government Press

Alleged circularization of Mr. Justice Waller's judgment in C.S. No. 650 of 1927 amongst officers.

* 653 Q.—Mr. C. BASU DEV: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government will be pleased to lay on the table G.O. No. 723, Public, dated 4th October 1926; and

(b) whether the Government have accepted the judgment of Mr. Justice Waller in C.S. No. 650 of 1927 on the file of the High Court, Madras, and whether copies of the same have been printed and circulated among all the officers and, if so, for what purpose?

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- A.—(a) There is no Government Order numbered 723, Public, and dated 4th October 1926.
- (b) The Government have not appealed against the judgment of Mr. Justice Waller in C.S. No. 650 of 1927 on the file of the High Court, Madras. Copies of the judgment were printed and communicated to Heads of Departments for information.

Motor Vehicles Act

Revision of the rules under the Motor Vehicles Act.

* 654 Q.—Mr. A. B. SHETTY: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Committee appointed to revise the rules under the Motor Vehicles Act have submitted their recommendations to the Government; and

(b) whether they have suggested any measures to reduce the number of motor accidents; and, if so, what action Government propose to take in this matter?

- A.—(a) The sittings of the Committee have been postponed pending the receipt of the Standardized Motor Vehicles Rules which the Government of India have under contemplation.

(b) Does not arise.

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—“May I ask whether the Government will be pleased to consult organizations of owners of motor vehicles which will be affected by these rules?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—“The sittings of this committee have been postponed on account of the fact that the Government of India have summoned a committee including one or two representatives from Madras for considering the question of standardizing the Motor Vehicles Rules. Only after that committee has come to some decision we can take up the question whether this committee should sit or not. Everything will be considered after we know the decision of the Government of India.”

Mr. ABDUL HAMEED KHAN:—“If there is any need for this committee to sit, will the Government consider my suggestion?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—“The request of the hon. Member will be borne in mind.”

Police

Oriya Deputy Superintendents of Police.

* 655 Q.—Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo: Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state how many of the Deputy Superintendents of Police in the Presidency are Oriyas?

A.—None.

Sriman M. G. PATNAIK Mahasayo:—“May I know why no Oriya was appointed?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MAHOMED USMAN SAHIB Bahadur:—“Because no suitable candidate was available.”